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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2003.

Claims 1-39 are pending in this application. The Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the following groups of claims:

- I) claims 1-12, drawn to a method of forming compressed dosage forms;
- II) claims 13-27, drawn to apparatuses for forming compressed dosage forms; and
- III) claims 28-39, drawn to compressed dosage forms.

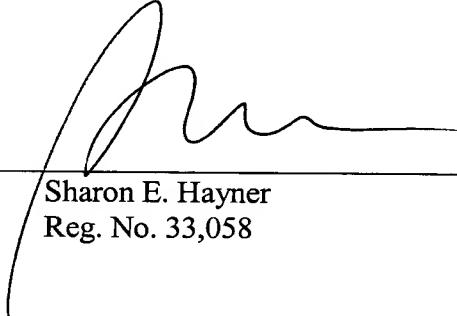
In addition, the Examiner has required election of species within Group II. Specifically, the Examiner argues that claims 13-20, 21-26 and 27 each are drawn to different species of apparatuses.



Applicants hereby elect claims 21-26 of Group II for further prosecution on the merits herein. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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